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1. Czechoslovakia is divided into two districts for purposes of supply and maintenance of the Czech Army. The first district comprises Bohemia and western Moravia; the second district eastern Moravia and Slovakia. The main QM supply depot for the first region is located in Prague (either Prague/Dejvice or Prague/Letna). [redacted]
[redacted] The main QM supply depot for the second region is in Trencin [redacted]
[redacted] Both of these depots are directly subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense.
2. The QM depot for the 48th Inf Regt was located in Benesov (4947N - 1441E). This depot supplied Class I, II, III, and V supplies. [redacted]
[redacted] the supply office was staffed by a QM officer and three EM. Ordinarily the main depot of the first district in Prague supplies units in Bohemia and western Moravia through divisional depots, but sometimes bypassed divisional depots and supplied regiments directly, for reasons of convenience and economy. This was the case in the 48th Inf Regt; Benesov is only 40km from Prague while Ceske Budejovice (4910N - 1430E), where the 1st Inf Div is located, is about 130km from Prague. [redacted]

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3. Both the Zilina QM School and the Lipnik Infantry School received clothing and shoes from the QM supply depot at Vruty (4907N-1855E), which is subordinate to the main depot of the second district at Trencin. Supplies from this depot were transported to the schools by rail. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] sketch of the location at Vruty of the warehouses of the depot. /See Enclosure (A)/ [redacted] 50X1
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[redacted] The depot is allegedly large enough to supply the military units located in Slovakia in case of hostilities. [redacted] 50X1
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4. Weapons, such as rifles, SMIs, LMGs and BMGs for the Infantry School at Lipnik and the QM School at Zilina, as well as ammunition, were supplied directly by the Czech National Enterprise Armament plants in Brno and Povazska Bystrica. It is common knowledge among military personnel that weapons and ammunition are manufactured at these plants: At the QM School in Zilina, [redacted] boxes containing rifle, LMG and HMG ammunition (1200 rounds per box); the following words were stencilled on the labels of the boxes: "Serie No. ___; Balena ___; Vyrobene Pov Bystrica" (Serial Number ___; Packed ___; Manufactured Povazska Bystrica). I have no information on the Brno arms plant. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Bystreica plant on several occasions from trains, and have [redacted] which shows the location of the plant from the railroad station in the city. /See Enclosure (B)/ People in Zilina who were employed in the Povazska Bystrica plant [redacted] (that there were approximately 12,000 employees working in three eight-hour shifts at the armament plant in the Summer of 1951. [redacted] 50X1
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5. [redacted] 50X1
6. Clothing and shoe repair for the QM School at Zilina was done in Zvolen (4835N-1908E), except for minor repairs done at the school. [redacted] the Ministry of National Defense had decreed in fall 1950 that the repair of clothing and shoes for all military units and schools subordinate to the 2d Military District Headquarters at Trencin (4853N-1803E) would be centralized for efficiency. The Zvolen repair shops were to be closed; however [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] all clothing and shoes were still shipped to Zvolen for repair. [redacted] 50X1
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7. Minor vehicle repairs were made in the school repair shops at the Lipnik Infantry School and the Zilina QM School. For major repairs the cars from the Lipnik School were sent to Olomouc (4935N-1715E) repair shops, and those from Zilina were sent to Trencin. [redacted] Spare parts for old cars were hard to obtain. Orders were placed at Prelouc (5002N-1504E) where there was a dump of old cars from which spare parts could be cannibalized. Usually there [redacted] 50X1

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was a delay of three to five weeks in order to get spare parts. Spare parts for new cars, however, were not difficult to get. Orders were placed with the car factories as follows:

- (a) For Skoda parts, orders were placed with the Skoda auto plant located in Mlada Boleslav (5025N-1454E);
 - (b) For Tatra parts, orders were placed with the Tatra auto plant in Koprivnice (4936N-1809E);
 - (c) For Praga truck parts, orders were placed with the auto plant located in Prague/Vysocany.
8. For major repairs the weapons from both the Zilina and Lipnik schools were sent to the ordnance shops of the Brno (4912N-1638E) and Povazska Bystrica (4907N-1827E) armaments plants. Minor repairs were made in the school inspection shops. Spare parts for weapons were easily obtained from the school supply rooms; the only delay was caused by a thorough check to determine how and why damage had occurred.
9. There is a definite plan for the displacement of supply dumps to the eastern part of the country, in order to have them located in zones of comparative safety in case of hostilities. This policy was briefly explained to the instructors of the Zilina QM School by its CO, Lt Col Ladislav Kopecky, during officers' training in the Spring of 1951.
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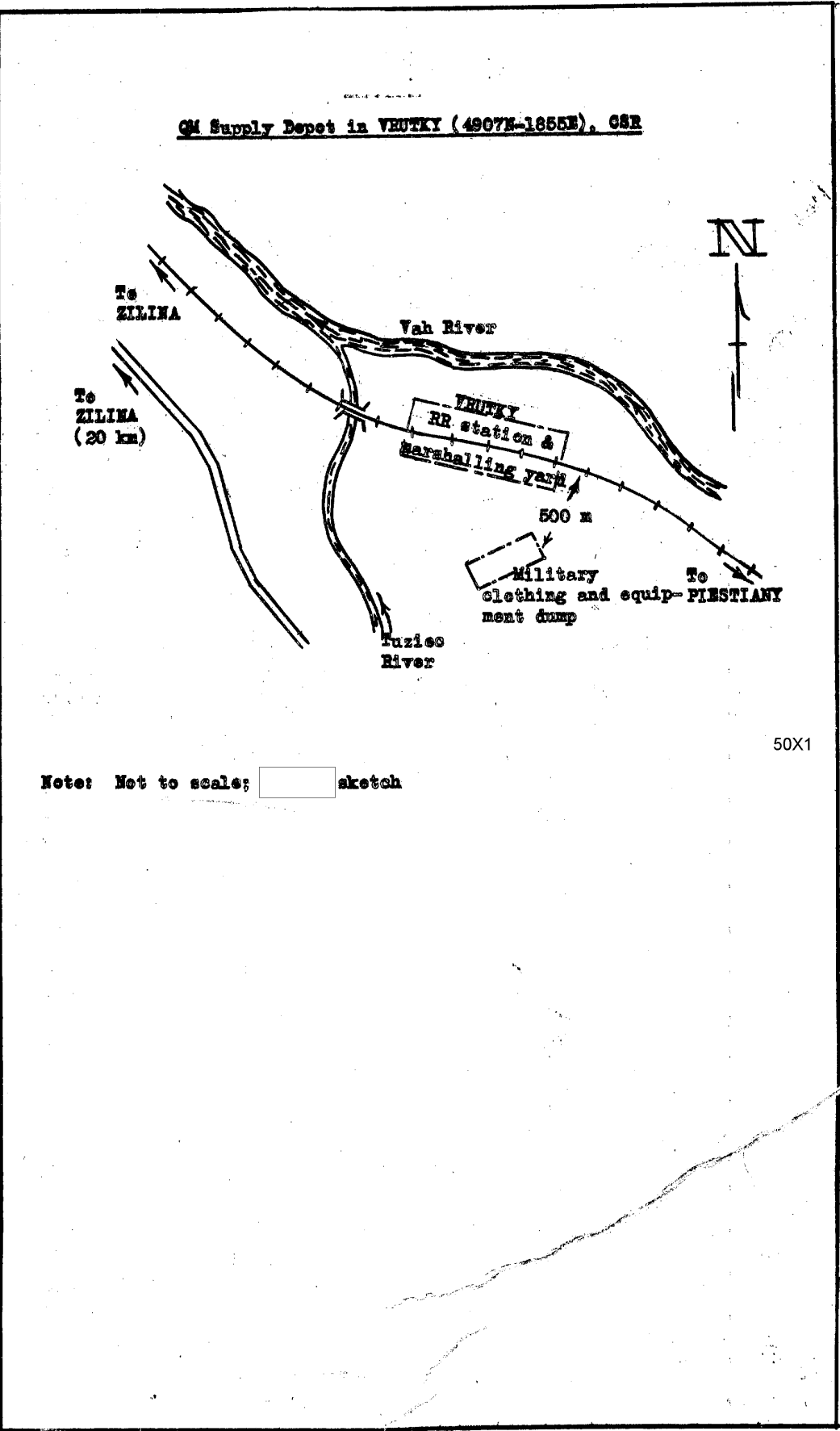
Enclosure (A): QM Supply Depot in Vrutky (4907N-1855E), SR
(B): Czech Armament Plant at Povazoka Bystrica (4907N-1827E)

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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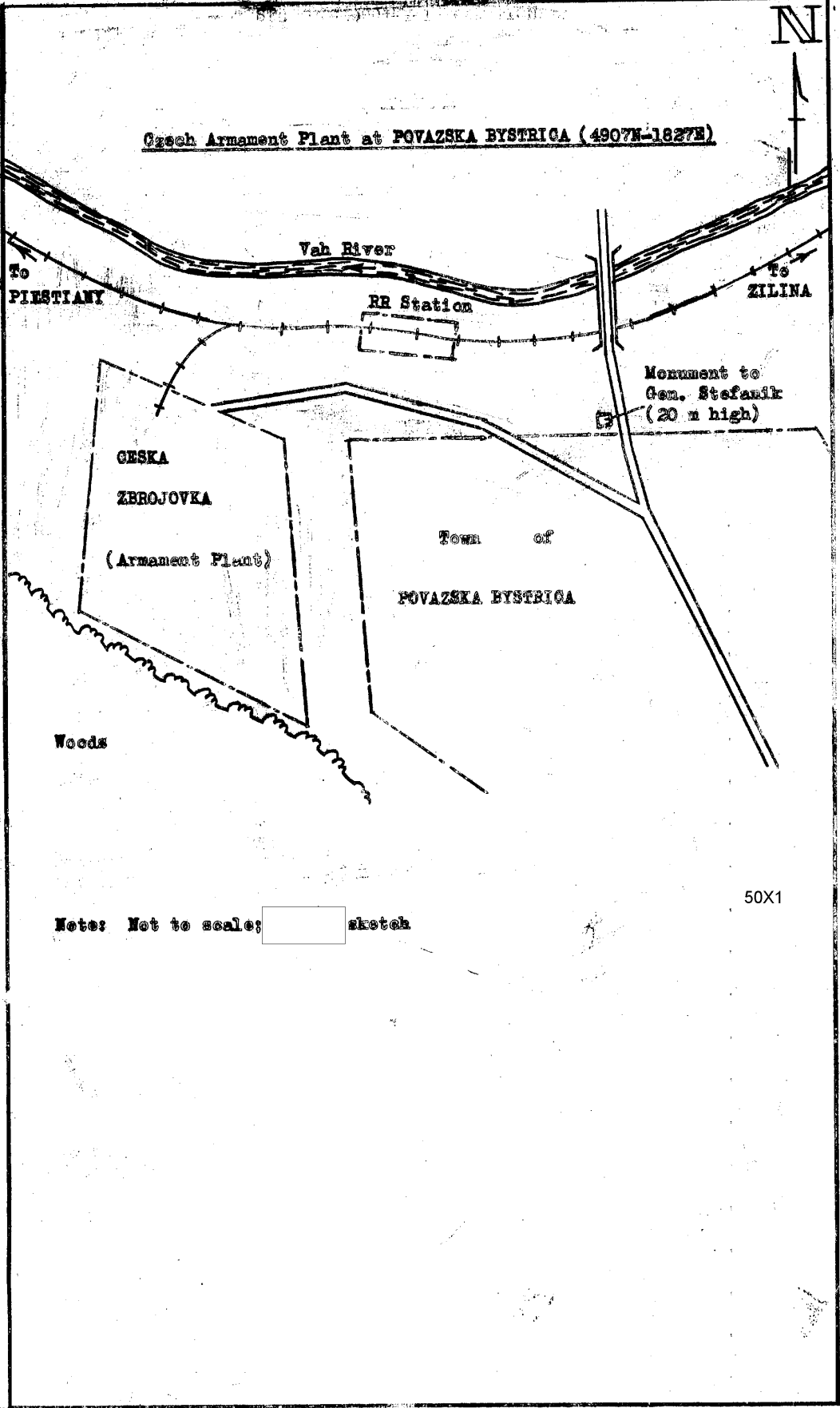
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